BBUNL, was set up in September, 1986 only. During the short period, the company has taken several measures to achieve the objectives:

(1) All the shares held by the President in the subsidiary companies have been transferred to the holding company.

(2) The holding company has started coordinating the marketing of common products and large turnkey projects where more than one subsidiary is involved.

(3) The modernisation and technology upgradation of the subsidiaries is being given the highest priority and a dialogue has been initiated with the World Bank to obtain funds assistance for the same.

(4) Steps have been taken to rationalise product-mix amongst the subsidiary companies.

(5) Coordination of the capital investment programme and optimum utilisation of the critical financial resources by avoiding unnecessary duplications.

(6) Human Resources Development including training and re-training of executives and recruitment of some common cadres of executives.

(7) BBUNL has started taking a view on divestment of unviable products and facilities.

8) Many financial reliefs have already been granted to the subsidiary companies. The holding company is also pursuing a package of financial restructuring to its subsidiary companies. Arrangements are also being made to meet the working capital requirement of the subsidiaries.

The task of achieving the objectives of the formation of the holding company is a continuing process for the achievement of which necessary steps have been initiated.

Modernising the Orissa Telecommunication System

4475. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any new proposal under consideration to modernise the telecommunication system in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the remaining two years viz. 1988-90 of the current Plan, it has been proposed to modernise the switching systems and the transmission media of Orissa as per the details given below:

1. New 4000 lines E-10B electronic exchange at Bhubaneshwar.
2. Automatisation of the manual exchanges at Koraput (completed), Phoolbani, Jeypore (Koraput), Kendrapada, Barbil, Khurada, Burala Hirakund, Bhanjnagar, Jaipur

Road, Rayagada, Joda, Nowrangpur and Talcher.

3. Replacement of 39 small Automatic exchanges by 128 port C-DOT electronic exchanges.

4. Replacement of Bhubaneshwar 200 line electro-mechanical telex by 500 lines electronic telex.

5. Notional telex at Angul, Dhenkanal and Koraput.

6. Expansion of digital Trunk Automatic Exchange (TAX) at Cuttack by 1000 lines.

7. Introduction of National and International subscriber Dialling at Koraput (completed), Bhadrak, (completed), Sunabeda, Jeypore (K), Phulbani, Sundergarh, Jharsuguda, Bargarh, Bolangir and Damanjode.

8. Satellite stations at Phoolbani and Bhawani Patna.

9. Digital Microwave links between Bolangir-Bargarh and Jeypore-Koraput.

10. Digital Ultra High Frequency (DHF) links between Bolangir-Titalagarh-Bhawani Patna, Phulbani-Sambalpur, Keonjhar-Rourkela, Sambalpur-Sundergarh, Balasore-Baripada, Koraput-Sunabeda, (completed) Koraput-Damanjodi.

11. Coaxial cable route between Sambalpur-Bargarh.

During Eighth Five Year Plan, it is proposed to automatise all manual exchanges and provide STD at all Sub-Divisional Headquarters and exchanges having a capacity of 500 lines or more.

Licence to N.R.I. for Industries in Orissa

4476. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Non-Resident Indians who have applied for licences to start industries in Orissa; and

(b) what is the number of licences given to them so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Since the setting up of the Special Approval Committee (NRI) in November, 1983, a total of 7 industrial licence applications from the Non-Resident Indians were received upto 31-8-1988 for setting up industrial units in the State of Orissa, against which 4 letters of intent/ SIA Regns. have been issued to them.

Dibrugarh Telephone and Tele Exchanges

4477. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present installed capacity, actual number of working connections and number of perso ns